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**National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent
Falls in Construction June 2 -6, 2014**

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah Labor Commission and its Division, Utah OSHA, announces the National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction June 2 – 6, 2014, to raise awareness among employers and workers about the hazards of falls, which account for the highest number of deaths in the construction industry.

According to labor statistics for Occupational Safety and Health, falls account for more than a third of deaths in this industry. Fatalities caused by falls from elevation continue to be a leading cause of death for construction workers nationally, accounting for 269 of the 775 construction fatalities recorded in 2012.

In the State of Utah, seven fatalities were in the construction industry in 2012 and two of the seven were caused by falls from elevation. Two more construction workers in Utah fell to their death in 2013 and six other construction workers were fatally injured.

Utah OSHA is working with employers, workers and associations to host safety stand-downs and are encouraging employers and workers to participate in this effort to raise awareness and prevent falls within the State of Utah.

For more details and to learn how to partner with Utah OSHA in this stand-down, visit www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/index.html and obtain training resources, fact sheets and other outreach materials in English and Spanish. Employers will also be able to provide feedback and download Certificates of Participation on their experience June 2 to July 15, 2014.

Employers who submit photographs, with captions, and Certificates of Participation of their stand-down event to consultation-program@utah.gov will be recognized on the Utah Labor Commission webpage during the month of June, 2014.

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